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The Chapin Cheese Factory—What the Farmers Get out of It.

The Chapin Cheese is so well and favorably known to probably every reader of THE TIMES that a brief sketch of some of the features of the business will probably be of interest to the majority of THE TIMES readers.

Not many rods south of the corners around which cluster the Chapin post office and the one or two other stores of the place is an unpretentious little low building, somewhat long, and running right out over the edge of a small hill looking towards the corners. This is the building where the Chapin cheese is made. Though unpretentious it is neat and clean even on the outside and while a person residing in this section of the country would have expected to see a larger building judging from the reputation of its product, yet this building is the center of interest every morning from five until eight o'clock to some sixty-three farmers whose dairies are in some, perhaps in all, cases the most profitable features of their farms.

The factory was built and the business started in 1891 by a stock company composed of various farmers and dairymen who expected to furnish milk for the same but it was run only about a year on this basis before difficulties arose over the manner of keeping the accounts and settling with the patrons.

At one time the trouble came near being serious and it also came near inducing them to close up the business entirely, when acting on the advice of an Ohio cheese maker for whom they sent, they got the tangled accounts straightened out and balanced and sold the plant to one of their number, George Hanes. Mr. Hanes lost no time in engaging Benton Glasser, the Ohio cheese maker who had shown his value in the assistance he had given in straightening out affairs, and he has been retained in charge of the work ever since.

In April 1896 J. B. Hoffman purchased the factory from Mr. Hanes and the business has been growing steadily ever since. Up to the time of his purchase of it the factory had never been run during the winter months but it has been run without a single stop of any kind since, while the winter business has been steadily increasing with the rest and promises to average three or four more cheeses per day this winter than last, the cost of course the output has already fallen off considerably from that of the summer months. Mr. Hoffman, the proprietor, is himself the owner of the largest herd supplying milk for the factory, and his nephew, S. T. Leonard, a young man who came to Michigan from Binghamton, N. Y., two years ago to make his home with his uncle, is now engaged as assistant in the factory and is adding to his knowledge of the dairy business by learning the cheese making trade from the start to the finish. Previous to entering the factory he spent some time on the road selling the cheese and was only succeeded in that position last April when the present hustling salesman, Wm. Murfin, of Chapin, took up that work.

The interior of the factory is kept so scrupulously clean by Mr. Glasser and his assistant, Mr. Leonard, that the very floor itself looks as clean as the kneading board in any good housekeeper's kitchen after it is cleaned up to put away, and this is an indication of the strict cleanliness of every part of the factory and of the condition the milk must be in to be accepted at this factory.

The machinery is simple and there is not a great amount necessary. At present the factory is turning out ten cheeses per day while in the summer months the output runs nearer twenty-four and twenty-five.

The amount of business done and the significance of it to the farmers of the community can be seen at a glance when it is said that for the six months ending September 30th the farmers supplying milk to the factory received \$7,355.34 or an average of \$1,225.88 per month, the amount each receiving depending on the amount of milk he delivers during the month. The milk is not bought at the factory however, but each farmer is credited with the number of pounds he brings. When all the cheese for the month is sold and two cents is deducted by the proprietor of the factory for each pound of cheese made and sold, that being his charge for all expenses of making, selling, and keeping up the plant, the balance is divided among the farmers. The system thus becomes in a measure a cooperative one in its operation, each patron receiving a monthly statement showing the number of pounds of milk furnished during the month, the number of pounds of cheese it made, pounds of cheese he took from the factory himself, number of pounds of cheese sold—there being ordinarily a shrinkage between the amount made and the amount sold—the

expense of making and selling (two cents per pound of cheese made) and the amount due the patrons. A complete record is kept of all accounts and the books are open to all. During the six months ending September 30th, there were 904,237 pounds or over 452 tons of milk taken in at the factory, the heaviest months being July and August. During the same time there were 91,917 pounds, or nearly forty-six tons of cheese made and sold over eight and a half tons being made during each of the months of July and August.

It may also be interesting to note that during the same six months the amounts received by three of the patrons, Messrs. George Partlow, H. B. Peters and J. B. Hoffman, as their share of the proceeds for the amount of milk furnished by them was respectively \$321.99, \$400.23 and \$724.03. As Mr. Hoffman's herd, the largest of these consists of only about thirty cows it will be easy to see what possibilities the business offers to those who are willing and able to secure and care for a large number of cows.

Mr. Hoffman himself besides his dairy has a flock of about three hundred sheep and owns some six hundred acres in one place where his home is and two other pieces of unimproved land of 80 and 120 acres each, two and three miles north of his home place. The home farm is situated on the old Ridge road about a mile east of Chapin and is as pretty an expanse of cleared fields and pieces of timber as one could wish to see while, naturally, the buildings are all that could be asked for.

Perry.

Mrs. I. Osburn and Miss May were in Owosso Tuesday—Mrs. Will Hammond, of Owosso, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Starks, this week—Mrs. C. L. Wells, of Jackson, is visiting in this place for a few weeks—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller left for their future home in the west Tuesday—Mr. Geo. Snyder died at his home Thursday, after a long illness—Mrs. C. L. Wells and Elva Fulton visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Hammond, of Owosso, Friday—Mr. Riley Griffin's little child is very low at this writing—Little Vera Johnston is quite sick.

Caledonia.

J. Moffat Jr. is visiting in Detroit—Misses Lillie Munson and Lena Shephard are visiting with J. Moffat—Ernest Kelly has returned from Lapeer—Missionary exercises will be held at the Kelly church Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. C. Markham visited with S. Markham, of New Haven, last Sunday—Miss Viola Bush, of Owosso, Sundayed with Mrs. J. Kelly—Miss Flavia Geney entertained a few friends last Wednesday evening—J. B. Watterman, who has been ailing for the past few days is improving—Mrs. Jacob Hoenshell and Mrs. John Hoenshell spent Tuesday in Owosso.

Easton.

Chancey Richardson is laying the foundation for a new barn—Mrs. A. Williams is visiting her son, Chas. Williams—Joe Straup spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Grace Haughton—Mrs. Geo. Mallory visited friends in Owosso Wednesday—There was a large attendance at the revival meetings Sunday evening—Mrs. Grace Haughton went to Owosso Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving—Geo. Dick's team ran away Tuesday. Only a little damage was done—Mrs. Nettie Straup, of Owosso, was looking after the interests of her farm Friday and Saturday. Mr. Jake Badgley has rented the farm for the coming year.

Chapin.

A number of the Methodist people visited their pastor, Elder Crane, at Oakley on Tuesday last—Alta Carroll has commenced her winter term of school in the Summer district—Mrs. Estinger entertained the Disciple L. A. S. on Thursday—Arthur Borman and wife were in Owosso on Wednesday—Dave McCarty is North hunting, and sent home a deer last week—The Chapin L. O. T. M. ladies visited the Elsie Hive last Monday evening. A good time is reported—Mayme Odell is spending a few days with Mrs. C. M. Loynes—The Sir Knights and Lady Maccabees were invited to Mr. Campbell's Saturday as they are soon to move away to Breckenridge. A bountiful dinner was served after which Elder Myres, with a few well chosen words presented Mr. and Mrs. Campbell with a very pretty easel and water set as a token of remembrance from the company; they then sang "God be with you till we meet again," and departed to their several homes—While the Mrs. May Clark and Ella Loynes and Carrie were on their way to Mr. Campbell's their buggy locked wheels with another and both buggies were turned over and the occupants tipped out. Mrs. Clark's horse broke loose from the buggy and ran. The ladies received no serious injury—P. W. Holland's new house is nearly complete.

Vernon.

L. J. Clarke, of the Tremont House, Chicago, has been spending a few days with his brothers, Henry and F. D. Clarke—Mr. and Mrs. Stone spent Thanksgiving in Ovid—Mrs. E. Crane and children, of Detroit, are visiting in Vernon this week—The Vernon school is taking advantage of the Thanksgiving vacation by moving the school furniture into the new building—A number of the young people attended the Thanksgiving ball in Byron Wednesday evening—Mrs. Eva Noble and Miss Parker, of Owosso, spent Sunday in Vernon—A. Hammond, editor of the Vernon Argus, returned from Chicago today—Miss Grace Graham returned home Monday from an extended visit in South Bend, Ind.—Joseph Yerkes, one of the pioneer merchants of this village, died this morning at 1:30. Mr. Yerkes is one of Vernon's most respected citizens and his death is a great shock to the community. He leaves a widow and three children, Fred Yerkes, of Loraine, O., A. Yerkes, of Vernon, and Mrs. L. J. Clarke, of Chicago.

New Lothrop.

Some talk quite strongly of incorporating the village—D. M. Cudney, of Kerby, is assisting in the completion of the mill—Wesley England, who has been at Caro for several weeks is home again—Mrs. G. W. Lord, of Detroit, is visiting her husband at the Colby house—Mrs. J. H. Clark and daughter visited Mrs. Clark's parents in Montrose last week—H. L. Burpee has sold his house to Jno. Miller, who will move to the village in the spring—Bert Burgham and Henry Krogman, of Saginaw, were in town the first of the week for a bird hunt—Mrs. G. A. French and daughter, Myra, of Flushing, took dinner Sunday with her son, I. E. French—W. L. Colby and sons arrived home last Friday from their northern hunt—W. Snyder was in Owosso on Monday—A very pleasant surprise was given Miss Nettie Hubble on Friday evening at her home, one mile east of the village, by a large number of her friends and schoolmates. A very pleasant evening was passed—Mr. Elijah Kingsberry, of Attica, Lapeer county, visited at the home of Enoch Munson a part of last week. Mr. Kingsberry is 83 years old and made the entire trip with a horse and buggy.

Oiney.

Was it for robbery? Late Wednesday night of last week while Frank Harris and son were returning from Owosso and while near the railroad crossing at Carland, their team became frightened at some object and it was with difficulty they were righted again. Scarcely had this been done, when bang! went revolvers at the horses heads, and at either side of the wagon, Mr. Harris asserts he saw two men, and the boy says there were three persons on his side of the wagon. Of course, having a good team, they were not long getting out of the neighborhood—James Mole has moved into the John White house, deciding to remain one more winter in Michigan before going to "Ole Virginia." Will Somers in the mean time taking possession of the property he purchased of Mr. Mole—The late Mr. Turkey Gobble was appreciated by all so fortunate as to make his acquaintance "long 'bout Thanksgiving time. We mourn our loss as we'll never get another as good—Our "West End" merchant appreciates the value of judicious advertising and smiles to see those tickets go—A pleasant time was had at a social hop at John Corps' last Friday evening—Geo. Thompson has LeRoy Allen's new kitchen completed, which adds greatly to the appearance of his dwelling—Chas. Randall loaded his former sawmill boiler on the cars Friday, returning it to the factory in Ohio—Fred Dunham has the new addition to his barn about completed—Frank Hiller moved into Wm. Haylock's house, east of the corners, last Friday, as a tenant. He expects to work Mr. Haylock's two farms next season—The house of Joe Waltz's, at Ford's Corners, opposite the old place, is undergoing extensive repairs—A bee and donation for M. L. Bigham and family was instituted today. Mr. Bigham being in straitened circumstances, owing to sickness on his part—Arthur Dunham has his new house about ready to move into—Stephen Oiney is repairing the house formerly occupied by F. M. Randall as his mill house, and making it into a creditable dwelling—Mr. DeGrote's son is recovering from the measles. He is occupying Edgar Smith's house, having lately moved there.

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Oakley.

There was quite an accident in town this week. Mr. Owens and Miss Jesrop were out riding and in turning a corner, upset the carriage and both were thrown out, breaking the lady's collar bone. Dr. O'Rourke was called to attend her—Michael Armstrong died Monday—The funeral was held at the house Wednesday, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the remains taken to Leslie for burial—J. C. Osborn has just returned from Maple Rapids where his wife is being treated for a cancer.

Burton.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Young were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Millsbaugh, of Bennington, Thursday of last week—Mr. and Mrs. B. Kingsbury, of Flushing, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Vincent—Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Smith left last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Stockbridge—Miss Inez Cramer, of Lapeer, visited her parents Saturday and Sunday—Charles Davis, of Durand, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ezra Mason—J. Babcock has purchased the house formerly occupied by Frank Mason and has it moved on his fine farm just north of the village—Mrs. J. Vincent spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. B. Kingsbury, of Flushing—Miss Kittie Millsbaugh and her brother James, of Bennington, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Young, Tuesday—Florence Wilcox visited friends in Ovid from Friday until Sunday evening—E. W. Mason is preparing to build an addition to his large house—James Cassidy and his sister, Mrs. S. L. Clark, both of Middlebury township, left Tuesday for Winter Park, Florida, to stay during the winter. This is the ladies' fifth trip to the land of flowers and sunshine, and Mr. Cassidy's fourth—Henry Schroeder Sr., and family were very happily surprised Thursday, Nov. 23, by the arrival from Barkerville, British Columbia, of their son, Henry Schroeder, Jr., whom they had not seen in twelve years. His mother said, "Ve vas so mooch surprised and glad." Henry Jr., is a fine healthy specimen of manhood—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stiff and two children, Miss Allie and Master Homer, spent Thanksgiving in Pittsburg, with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McKenzie—Rev. J. D. Young will preach a Thanksgiving sermon Sunday morning in the M. P. church—Another old pioneer laid to rest! Death has again visited our ranks and removed from our midst one of our most respected citizens, David L. Thorp. Mr. Thorp has been a great sufferer for the past two years, and at last death came and claimed him and relieved him of his terrible agony. He was a kind neighbor, an affectionate companion and a loving father. He leaves a wife, one daughter, Mrs. T. Stebbins, and one son, Frank, besides a large circle of loving friends to mourn his death. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at his late residence and the large house was filled to overflowing with relatives and sympathizing neighbors to pay this last tribute of respect, and he was tenderly laid to rest in the Ovid cemetery by the fraternity of Masons.

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